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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6973

USDAO/ABIDJAN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY FORT LAMY

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

UNCLAS OUAGADOUGOU 1860

AFDROUGHT

FROM SPENCER

EO 11652: NA

SUBJ: WILLIAMS VISIT TO DROUGHT ZONE

REF: STATE 176007

1. APPRECIATE GREATLY COOPERATION DIA. FOLLOWING IS
TRAVEL SCHEDULE WHICH WOULD ALLOW WILLIAMS
GET EXCELLENT VIEW PRESENT STATUS DROUGHT CONDITIONS
AND AT SAME TIME ALLOW ENOUGH FLEXIBILITY ATTEND MIN-
ISTERIAL MEETINGS AND POSSIBLY MEET WITH INDIVIDUAL
CHIEFS OF STATE. FYI ALL FLIGHT TIMES HAVE BEEN
ESTIMATED USING DC-3 CRUISING SPEED 175 MPH. END FYI
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A. SATURDAY-SEPT 8-ARRIVE OUAGADOUGOU FROM

PARIS 0515 VIA UT 839. NO IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL PLANNED.
B. SUNDAY-SEPT 9--DAO C-117D FLIGHT OUAGADOUGOU
TO GOROM-GOROM. LV GOROM-GOROM AND OVER-FLY MARKOY
THEN RETURN OUAGADOUGOU. TRIP WILL TAKE APPROXI-
MATELY 5 HRS STARTING AT 0800.

C. MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY-SEPT 9-12--
WILLIAMS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE THESE DAYS TO ATTEND
MINISTERIAL MEETING AND MEET WITH AVAILABLE HEADS
OF STATE AND OTHER SAHELIAN COUNTRY OFFICIALS.

D. THURSDAY-SEPT 13--DAO C-117D FLIGHT OUAGADOUGOU
TO TIMBUCTOU. LV OUAGA 0800 ARR MOPTI O/A 0930.
CLEAR CUSTOMS AT MOPTI AND PROCEED TO TIMBUCTOU. LV
MOPTI 1030 ARR TIMBUCTOU 1145. REQUEST CHARGE
KUNIHOLM AND LTCOL HARP PLAN MEET WILLIAMS AT
TIMBUCTOU. ALSO REQUEST ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE HAVE
MINDEF DOUKARA MEET WITH WILLIAMS AND ACCOMPANY
TO GAO. PARTY SHOULD PLAN HAVE LUNCH AT TIMBUCTOU
AND DEPART FOR GAO AT ABOUT 1500. WOULD BE HELPFUL
IF WILLIAMS COULD VIEW OPERATION AUTHENTIC ASSISTANCE.

E. ARR GAO 1630. TOUR OF NOMAD CAMP
AND CITY OF GAO SHOULD BE SCHEDULED. PARTY
WOULD HAVE TWO OPTIONS AT THIS POINT: EITHER OVER-
NIGHT AT GAO OR CONTINUE ON TO NIAMEY. STRONGLY
SUGGEST OPTION NO 2 AND DEPART GAO 1800 AND ARRIVE
NIAMEY ABOUT 1930.

F. FRIDAY-SEPT 14--NO IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL SCHED-
ULED. SERIES OF BRIEFINGS AND REPRESENTATIVE
FUNCTIONS HAVE BEEN LAID ON.

G. SATURDAY-SEPT 15--LV NIAMEY 0830 BY CAR FOR
OUALLAM STOPPING AT NOMAD CAMP OUTSIDE NIAMEY. DAO
C-117D FLYS DIRECTLY TO OUALLAM AND PICKS UP WILLIAMS
PARTY FOR FLIGHT TO TAHOUA.

LV OUALLAM 1100 BY C-117D ARR TAHOUA 1230. INSPEC-
TION TOUR AND BOX LUNCH AT TAHOUA.

LV TAHOUA 1400 ARR DIRNI N'KOUNI 1430.

LV BIRNI N'KOUNI 1545 ARR NIAMEY 1715.

H. SUNDAY-SEPT 16--LV NIAMEY 1000 BY C-117D.
OVERFLY TERA. ARR AYOROU 1115. INSPECTION TOUR
AYOROU AND LUNCH.

LV AYOROU 1500. ARR NIAMEY 1630.

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I. MONDAY-SEPT 17--LV NIAMEY 1030 VIA DAO
C-117D. ARR ZINDER 1430. LUNCH AT ZINDER.
LV ZINDER 1630. ARR AGADEZ 1800. OVERNIGHT AT
AGADEZ.

J. TUESDAY - SEPT 18-- DAO DC-3 FORT LAMY
WILL MEET AT AGADEZ PER FORT LAMY
0296. LV AGADEZ 1000. ARR FORT LAMY 1330.

K. WEDNESDAY-SEPT 19--SUGGEST ITINERARY BE

PLANNED AS STATED FORT LAMY 1435.

L. THURSDAY-SEPT 20--LV FORT LAMY FOR PARIS.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION ALL POSTS TOGETHER WITH DETAILED PROGRAM OF EVENTS AND PROPOSED CHANGES IN ITINERARY, IF ANY. REQUEST BAMAKO, NIAMEY, FORT LAMY OBTAIN FLIGHT CLEARANCES.

3. FOR DAO ABIDJAN/MONROVIA: ASSUME YOU SHOULD ARRIVE OUAGA SATURDAY, SEPT 8 EVENING. WE HAVE REQUESTED OVERFLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCES. BULLEN

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